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Turin, March 7. N. S.

OUR Advices from Toulon say, the French are making great Preparations there for sending a Convoy with Provisions to Roses; and that they are forwarding it with all imaginable speed: However, it doth not appear, that they have above three Men of War in that Harbour, that are in a Condition to put to Sea. These Advices contain'd, among other matters, a Relation of the French having surpriz'd Barcelona; the Account they gave us of it was so particular and punctual in all its Circumstances, that it obtain'd Credit here among some People, 'till the Arrival of Baron Buckſdorf, who left that Place the 13th of February, which was three Days later than the time the Enemy had given out that they had possess'd themselves of it. Our Letters from Spain advise, that Marshal Staremberg was fortifying Ostalrick, a Castle between Gironne and Barcelona, which will serve to cover the last of those Places on that side. We are told from Paris, that the Duke of Vendome had made pressing Instances at the French Court, to have the Troops lately detach'd from Dauphiné to serve under the Duke of Noailles, continue in Spain, as a great means to facilitate his Designs upon Barcelona. The Dauphin appear'd very well inclin'd to those Instances; but we do not hear that the King has been prevail'd upon to comply with them. A Gentleman is arriv'd at Paris from the King of Sweden, to demand some Officers from the French King to serve under his Swedish Majesty, who has undertaken to defray the Expences of their Journey. The King has thereupon sent into all the Provinces, to see if any are willing to enter into that Service. Such as are inclin'd to go, are to assemble in the Dutchy of Deux-Ponts; but it is not yet known what Course they are to take from thence. The Count de Castelbarco, his Imperial Majesty's Envoy at this Court, is return'd hither from Milan; and the President Gubernati is speedily expected from Rome, which Place he is preparing to leave in a few Days, without being able to accommodate the Difference between his Royal Highness and that Court. We promise our selves better Success from Monsieur Mellarede's Negotiations at Vienna, especially upon the Arrival of his Excellency the Earl of Peterborough at that Court.

Bruſſels, March 23. N. S. Lieutenant-General Cadogan set out from hence yesterday Morning, in order to take upon him the Command of the Troops, that are to be canton'd at Orchies, where it is suppos'd they are now arriv'd. The French are much alarm'd at the Motions of these Forces, and are apprehensive that the Allies design to take Post near Arras; whereupon the Body of Troops that have been for some time between the Sambre and Meuse, is ordered to advance with great diligence towards Artois, as are also several Detachments from behind the Somme. They write from Arras of the 14th Instant, that the French have provided that Place with great Stores of Ammunition, but that Provisions are very scarce in that Garrison. A dangerous Malady reigns among the Soldiers, insomuch, that the Hospitals are crowded with such as fall suddenly Sick on the Works. These Letters add, that the Magistrates of Arras have been required to provide a Fund for the Payment of the Troops in case of a Siege. Great numbers of Recruits arrive daily in this Place, and in the other Garrisons of these Provinces; and the Officers are preparing their Equipages, and all other Necessaries for taking the Field with all possible Expedition. The French have often reported, that the late Elector of Bavaria was to come to Namur, and Command a Body of Troops on the Meuse; but it now looks as if that Design was laid aside, since the greatest part of the Magazines that have been laid up there are ordered to be transported up the Sambre. Letters from France of the 16th tell us, that the Allies had abandon'd Balaguer, and pretend it was done with so much Precipitation, that they left eight Pieces of Cannon and two Mortars behind them. Upon the Instance of the Duke of Vendome circular Letters have been issued out to the States of the Realm to induce them to send such Supplies to the Duke of Anjou, as may enable him to undertake the Siege of Barcelona, which they tell us is respited for the present, 'till there is green Forage sufficient for the Subsistence of their Cavalry. Tho' the French boast much of the Numbers they are to have in the Field the next Campaign, yet we are assured the Recruits arrive very slowly on the Frontiers, and consist chiefly of Persons forced into the Service, and wholly unqualified for it. About two hundred of those Recruits arrived the 14th at Valenciennes, in a very pitiful Condition, and the Officers own they lost near one hundred by Sickness and Desertion in their March. The continued Rains have much retarded the March of the Troops from the remote Provinces, so that they are not expected on the Frontiers 'till the beginning of April. The Prince de Bergh and Count Copignies, Lieutenant-Generals in the Duke of Anjou's Service, who came hither some time since by Passports from Count Tilly to regulate their Domestick Affairs, are order'd to leave this Place, and depart out of his Catholick Majesty's Territories without delay, and before the Expiration of their Passports; it being thought unadvisable to permit them to continue any longer in these Parts at this juncture, when the Troops begin to be in Motion.

Hague, March 24. N. S. The 22d Instant the English Ministers receiv'd an Express from the King their Master, with Orders to press the March of the Troops design'd for the Preservation of the Neutrality in the North; and having had a Conference yesterday with the Ministers of the Allies on that Subject, it was resolv'd that by the 15th of the next Month they shou'd be at Grunenbourg on the Oder, which is the Place appointed for their general Rendezvous. Accordingly the Palatine Forces are to depart immediately; and the four Battalions which the States are to add to them, have receiv'd Orders to hold themselves in a readiness to March. Most of the Troops on the Frontiers are in Motion, and those Forces that were to have been encamp'd before this, had any Attempt

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